

REEDSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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Chief of Police
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Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

(Reedsburg, WI) A team of assessors from the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) will arrive on December 12, 2017 to examine all aspects of the Reedsburg Police Department policy and procedures, management, operation, and support service, Chief Becker announced today.

Verification by the team that the Reedsburg Police Department meets the Board's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation - a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence, he said.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. He/she may do so by telephone. The public may call (608)495-0861 on December 13th between the hours of 1:00pm and 3:00pm.

Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with WILEAG's standards. A copy of the standards are available at the Reedsburg Police Department located at 200 S Park St. The Department contact for further information is Chief Timothy Becker at (608)524-2376.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Reedsburg Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write to Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group, WILEAG at WILEAG at P.O. Box 528, Hartland, WI 53029.

"The Reedsburg Police Department has to comply with 235 standards in order to gain accredited status", Chief Timothy Becker said. "Having a peer-driven organization review our practices and procedures is incredibly important to maintaining a high-quality, professional law enforcement agency."

The Accreditation Manager for Reedsburg Police Department is Lieutenant Patrick Cummings. He said the assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies. The assessors will review written material, interview individuals,

and visit offices and the places where compliance can be witnessed. The assessors are: West Allis Police Sergeant Phillip Noche, Team Leader; and Watertown Police Captain Curt Kleppin and Cottage Grove Police Lieutenant Matt Wagner.

Once the WILEAG Board's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Board, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status, Lieutenant Patrick Cummings stated.

Accreditation status is granted for three years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

For more information regarding the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group, please write to WILEAG at P.O. Box 528, Hartland, WI 53029 or executive.director@wileag.info .

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